

I am writing in support of Bill 5080 Deer Management program on private land. The state has a deer population that has needs to be managed. The bill allows for 16 more days of hunting with a bow on private land. The bow hunters eat what they harvest. In these economic challenged times I would think the legislators would encourage the increased revenue and the public safety. An estimated 1.23 million deer-vehicle collisions occurred in the U.S. between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, costing more than \$4 billion in vehicle damage, according to State Farm, the nation's leading auto insurer. The state of Connecticut is the perfect environment for an ever increasing deer population and we must act to further manage the population by passing Bill 5080.

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